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Hogs & Pigs Inventory

Iowa: On September 1, there were 20.0 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, up 2 percent from the 19.6 million in both June 2011 and September 2010. This is a new record high inventory.

The June - August 2011 pig crop was 5.00million head. A total of 485,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 10.3 pigs per sow.

As of September 1, producers planned to farrow 485,000 head of sows and gilts in the September - November 2010 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the December 2011 - February 2012 period were estimated at 480,000 as of September 1, 2011.

United States: United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2011 was 66.6 million head. This was up 1 percent from September 1, 2010, and up 3 percent from June 1, 2011.

Breeding inventory, at 5.81 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.8 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2011 pig crop, at 29.1 million head, was up 1 percent from 2010 and up 1 percent from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from 2010 and down 2 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.03 for the June-August 2011 period, compared to 9.81 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the September-November 2011 quarter, down slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2010, and down 1 percent from 2009. Intended farrowings for December-February 2012, at 2.86 million sows, are up slightly from 2011, but down 1 percent from 2010.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up from 43 percent last year.

Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, September 1, 2010-2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)
Illinois	490	490	100	3,960	4,160	105	4,450	4,650	104
Iowa	1,010	1,020	101	18,590	18,980	102	19,600	20,000	102
Minnesota	550	560	102	6,950	7,240	104	7,500	7,800	104
Missouri	345	360	104	2,605	2,490	96	2,950	2,850	97
Nebraska	370	380	103	2,780	2,870	103	3,150	3,250	103
North Carolina	870	850	98	8,530	8,250	97	9,400	9,100	97
United States	5,770	5,806	101	60,201	60,793	101	65,971	66,599	101

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, September 1, 2010-2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Illinois	1,300	1,370	1,230	1,280	790	770	640	740
Iowa	4,860	4,970	5,950	6,100	4,520	4,610	3,260	3,300
Minnesota	2,360	2,500	2,200	2,230	1,410	1,480	980	1,030
Missouri	1,140	1,020	615	615	450	445	400	410
Nebraska	940	960	860	880	580	580	400	450
North Carolina	3,150	3,100	2,200	2,030	1,750	1,680	1,430	1,440
United States	19,613	19,696	17,395	17,459	12,674	12,762	10,520	10,876

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